

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 43-79 are pending in the application, with claims 43, 62, 68, 70, 74, and 78 being the independent claims.

The substitute specification is submitted herewith to correct obvious typographical errors and provide correct sequence ID numbers. The substitute specification also provides an amended title for the application. The substitute specification incorporates changes made to the specification in the parent application no. 09/601,844, filed August 9, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,716,621).

The specification has been amended to direct the entry of the sequence listing submitted herewith after the claims of the application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g), this submission includes no new matter. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), the paper copy of the Sequence Listing and the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith in the above application are the same.

Claims 1-42 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 43-79 are sought to be added.

Support for new claims 43-69 is found, *inter alia*, on pages 5-7, 10-15, 43-44 and in Tables 1 and 2.

Support for new claims 70-77 is found, *inter alia*, in Examples 6 and 14.

Support for new claims 78-79 is found, *inter alia*, in Example 17.

These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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